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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (New) A method comprising treating pathogenically altered bacterial flora in a person in need thereof by administering to the person an antibacterially effective amount of a natriubiotic combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 16 (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the amount of natriubiotic administered is 1 μ g to 1 mg per unit dose.

Claim 17 (New) The method according to claim 15 for treating altered intestinal flora.

Claim 18 (New) The method according to claim 15 for treating altered-bacteria-induced skin diseases.

Claim 19 (New) The method according to claim 15 for treating altered vaginal flora.

Claim 20 (New) A method comprising food preservation by adding a natriubiotic to the food.

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Claim 21 (New) A method comprising controlling bacterial growth in a food-fermentation process by adding a natriubiotic to the food during fermentation.